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**Letter dated 10 April 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed
to the President of the Security Council**

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge a protest over the initiative of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, to have the Traffic and Infrastructure Department of the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK) host a conference on traffic corridors of the Balkans, scheduled to take place in Skopje, 17-21 April 2000. The intention is to invite States and "territories" of the region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Romania, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Turkey and the "territory of Kosovo") and representatives of the official organs of the United Nations, European institutions and traffic experts and international financial institutions (International Union of Railways, Euro-control, the International Civil Aviation Organization). The alleged goal of the Conference is to identify and find solutions for the traffic problems of the region in light of the damage suffered by the traffic infrastructure of the Balkans "due to the conflict and the lack of general care of the Balkan countries".

The initiative is yet another decision of the Special Representative taken in violation of his mandate and Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 and in wanton disregard for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In particular, the introduction of the term "territory of Kosovo" for Kosovo and Metohija, by which that Serbian province is in fact given the same status as the States of the region, is unacceptable to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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